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THREE DESTROYERS ARE SUNK IN ENGLISH CHANNEL BATTLE

GEN. FUNSTON IS WARNED BY THE WAR DEPARTMENT TO LOOK OUT FOR ATTACK

Mexican Plot to Cross Border Run Down by the Department of Justice.

BAKER ACTED QUICKLY.

Heard of Plan to Discredit Administration Few Hours Before Making It Public.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Oct. 27.—All the commanders of the big army camps along the border have been warned by the Southern Department to be on the alert for an attack or attacks said to be planned by Mexicans. The commanders were ordered to disseminate the warning to every organization on the border.

At Gen. Funston's headquarters it was said no redistribution of troops would be necessary as the cavalry, artillery and infantry organizations are so stationed now as to successfully cope with any situation that might arise.

It is understood that the information upon which Secretary Baker based his charges did not come from here. The Department of Justice maintains secret agents at various places along the border, and it is believed they furnished it.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—War and State Department officials refused today to disclose the source or specific nature of the information on which Secretary Baker last night issued a statement charging that a bandit attack on American troops in Mexico or on American border towns has been planned to discredit the Government Mexican policy. They said the channel of information through which the report came was so valuable that nothing would be given out that might injure its usefulness.

"The obviously appropriate comment of Secretary Lansing," said Mr. Baker, referring to the explanation of Secretary Lansing last night, that no American was implicated and that a desire to prevent the carrying out of the plans had prompted Secretary Baker's statement, "precludes the possibility that any such construction or understanding could be put upon my statement. The statement was without political purpose and ought to be without political effect. It will have served its entire purpose if it gives notice to the lawless people in Mexico that we have been warned and are prepared."

NO POLITICAL INTEREST BEHIND HIS STATEMENT.

Secretary Baker declared it was "absurd" to suppose that his statement had been intended to imply that any political interest in the United States desired anything other than peace on the border. "Such a thing could not be," he said.

Asked just what interests he charged were behind the movement, Secretary Baker declared this statement:

"The Mexicans who oppose the de facto government in Mexico would, of course, be glad to complicate relations between the United States and Mexico, and our information is that they think this an appropriate time to do so. The statement made last night by the Department ought to

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MRS. BEUTINGER'S FATE IS WITH JURY; HINT OF LIFE TERM

Judge Warns Against Permitting Sentiment for a Woman Sway Verdict.

"COULD AVOID KILLING"

Accused in Tears as Prosecutor Calls Her Murderess and Own Counsel Defends Her.

The case of Mrs. Margaret Clare Beutinger, on trial in Newark, charged with the murder of her husband, Christof, went to the jury at 2:45 o'clock this afternoon, after Robert H. McCarter, for the defense, and prosecutor Newman, for the State, had made dramatic pleas.

Only two or three witnesses were called this morning, the most important being Julia Ann Gasco, fifteen years old, who had been a servant in the Beutinger home when the family lived in Mount Vernon in 1915. She testified Beutinger tried to caress her and that she told Mrs. Beutinger, according to the witness, Beutinger became enraged when he learned of this and tried to throw the girl down a flight of cellar stairs.

When Julia came to the stand she was greeted by the five Beutinger children, with a great hissing and shouting. Other witnesses were John H. DeBaus of Washington, D. C., who said he was on the steamship which carried Mrs. Beutinger to the Philippines in 1908. He said Beutinger had requested him to make an affidavit that he (DeBaus) had caught a man in Mrs. Beutinger's stateroom on the ship.

Mr. DeBaus stated that such a thing was impossible and he had refused.

SWEARS BEUTINGER THREATENED TO KILL WIFE.

He testified Beutinger had told him that if Mrs. Beutinger ever mentioned again the subject of leaving him he would kill her on the spot.

Mr. McCarter began with the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Beutinger in Jamaica in 1904, when she was eighteen years old. He drew first a picture of a small, slender woman, weighing scarcely more than 60 pounds, almost a child in years. Then he portrayed Christof Beutinger, fifteen years her senior, "a big masterful, handsome man, weighing more than 250 pounds."

"Here was a man," Mr. McCarter said, "the physical counterpart of Jack Johnson, just as she has the figure of a child."

He said that Mrs. Beutinger was being willing to fight only women and children.

Mr. McCarter traced the fortunes and misfortunes of the pair, in the Philippines and in this country.

CHILDREN EVIDENCE OF THEIR MOTHER'S FIDELITY.

"And yet," continued the attorney, "when this man was in trouble in the Quartermaster's Department in the Philippines he went all the way to Washington to see the Secretary of War in his behalf and to have his record cleared of charges."

Again and again Mr. McCarter referred to the hardships Beutinger's heavy drinking and his ungovernable temper brought to his wife. He also cited Beutinger's broken pledges to stop the use of whiskey.

The lawyer pointed to the five little Beutinger children, sitting in a row on the bench in the courtroom, and said:

"These five living children and the two others, who did not live, all have

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HER 'BIG, FAT FOOL' WROTE OF PICKING PASSION FLOWERS

Lyon Also Told "Dear Doll" He Was Learning How to Love in Florida.

HE EXPLAINS LETTERS.

Laughs With Children as They Are Read in Miss Connell's \$100,000 Suit.

In spite of the rule adopted by Whitney Lyon, millionaire tooth powder manufacturer, never to "make love with an ink pen," he was revealed in the Supreme Court today as the writer of two merry letters to "My Dear Doll," who is none other than Miss Margaret Connell, the thirty-year old Canadian modiste who is suing him for \$100,000 for refusing to wed her in historic Westminster Abbey, London.

He signed himself "Your Big, Fat Fool" and "Yours for health, Lydia Pink Ham," and told the modiste that he was spending his time in Florida "picking passion flowers and learning how to love."

The description imposed upon himself as a big, fat fool brought forth a roar of laughter even from his daughter Dorothy and son Irving, who came from Wellesley and Yale this morning to hear their father tell his version of the modiste's shattered romance.

The first letter telling Miss Connell that all she needed was a "getty ep" followed:

Royal Palm Hotel, Miami, Fla., February 5, 1914.

My Dear Doll:—I agree with you—that you need a "getty ep"—and I hope to bring back a fresh supply when I return. I have been perfectly miserable ever since I started out with a bad grippy cold that settled in my bronchial tubes and no Doll to nurse me.

I feel that if I could only run in at Fifty-fifth Street—Fifth Avenue and get a little "getty ep" I would then be O. K. The cruise was lumpy—about half cheap cruises and the remainder from small towns—a cheap jakey crowd—no more cruises for me. The canal of course is one of the world's greatest wonders—but Jamaica is the most beautiful spot in the world.

I was glad to hear from you. Write me I am all over you here. As ever and ever, YOUR BIG FAT FOOL.

Conduct Good? I'm just beginning to feel a little better now.

CONTRASTS BLIZZARDS WITH FLOWERS OF THE SOUTH.

From the same place, twelve days later, "Your Big, Fat Fool" wrote his "Lydia" letter, addressing the envelope to Margy Connell. The epistle followed:

My Dear Doll:—I have read Dr. Robinson's book with a great deal of interest. I wish he had been here to kill this damned litter of brown kittens. My cold is better than it was, but has not entirely gone. There is an establishment here where they give all sorts of electric baths, and I am going to it. I would go to the extent you sent me the name of, but I do not feel that he can be really first-class in a small place.

When I see the New York papers with pictures of the blizzards you have been having, I am glad I am down here in the warm sunshine, picking passion flowers and learning how to love. The cold snap has driven a lot of people down here, so the hotels are well filled.

I sometimes wonder which one of the "kind doctors" is holding her life white hand while I am not there, and who is taking her to dinner at "Rogers." I don't want

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ALIMONY FOR MRS. ASCHE; SHOES, TOO, COURT RULES



MRS. ASTA ASCHE.

Wife Whose Novelleit Is Made Basis for Husband's Annulment Suit Wins Point.

Mrs. Asta Asche, whose novelleit confession forms the basis of a suit brought by her husband, Herman Asche, to annul their marriage, was without shoes yesterday and running up a bill at her hotel. Today Justice Pendleton not only enabled her to get shoes, but allowed her \$50 a month alimony and refused to compel her to undergo a physical examination.

Asche, who vigorously opposed paying alimony, declared that his wife had married him for money. Her plan to wed and then leave him, to join her former sweetheart, was, according to Asche, revealed in her novelleit entitled "Justice," which she left behind in a Brooklyn hotel.

Justice Pendleton ordered Mrs. Asche to proceed at once with the trial of her separation suit. Unless this is done, the court declares, another motion to stop her alimony may be made by Asche's attorney, Gustav Lange Jr.

\$25,000 EVEN MONEY BET IS PLACED BY WILSON MAN

Hughes Adherents Holding Off, but Some Wagers Are Made at 10 to 9.

The first large-sized wager to be placed on the national election at even money is said to have been for \$25,000. It was made today by a wealthy Democratic mine operator of Goldfield, Nev.

A bet of \$1,000 on Hughes was made at odds of 10 to 8. There is \$2,400 Wilson money offered against \$3,000 on Hughes. There were a few small transactions at 10 to 9 on Hughes. It was reported that several pools of \$10,000 or more have been formed to be placed on Hughes, but the large backers are holding off for even money or better.

Even money is offered that Wilson will carry New York City by a vote of 10 to 7 in being laid on Hughes to carry the State.

There is a great increase in Wilson money, and it is reported there is plenty of Hughes money also.

The betting is even vigorous and forty-second Street and Broadway thru for years. One well known sporting man bet \$10,000 to \$15,000 Wilson would be elected President and William Governor.

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ROFRANO ON STAND DENIES HE HIRED GAIMARI'S SLAYER

Asserts He Was Friendly With Man Whose Death He Is Accused of Seeking.

PLOT, ASSERTS COUNSEL

Littleton Declares Prosecutor Has Been Led by an Underworld Conspiracy.

Michael Rofrano took the witness stand at 3:15 o'clock this afternoon to defend himself from the charge of having instigated the killing of Michael Gaimari, a political antagonist, in the Second Assembly District, March 8, 1915.

The former Deputy Commissioner of Street Cleaning, stocky, swarthy, his eyes bright, his head wagging with Sicilian earnestness, turned a frank appearing face toward the jury as he told of his life up from poverty on the sidewalks to a dominating financial and political position among his fellow citizens of Italian birth, becoming the friend and confidant of the Governor, the Mayor, the City Commissioners and the Judges of the courts.

He wore a trimly fitting dark suit and carried to the stand with him a large black travelling bag. Mr. Littleton questioned him.

Rofrano denied he was on bad personal terms with Gaimari during the time he has been represented as calling murder conferences and trying to hasten the killing. He asserted he was never in his office in the Municipal Building at the time messages from Rocco Carnivale's home in Brooklyn were sent there. Mr. Littleton, Rofrano's counsel, promised Rofrano would tell everything about his movements in the eight weeks when the police were searching for him in all of the Northern Atlantic States.

In his opening for the defense Mr. Littleton said the prosecution had given countenance to a cowardly, underworld conspiracy to set a hired assassin of the worst type free from the death house at the expense of a clean, straightforward citizen and public servant.

"Rofrano," he said, "is twenty-five years younger than Tom Foley. He knew Foley as a boy on the street. In 1912 he broke away from Foley. In 1913 he bought the building from which he expelled the Dawn Town Tammany Club and founded the Home Rule Democratic Club to fight Foley."

DENIES ROFRANO HAD MOTIVE FOR THE CRIME.

"We shall show you that in 1912 there were only eleven election districts in which there were Foley-Rofrano contests. Mike Gaimari was district captain in the Seventh Election District, which Rofrano's side carried by 225 votes against Gaimari's 129.

"Right there vanishes the motive charged against my client by the District Attorney. The desire to remove a successful opponent."

"In March, 1915, there was no election. There was a profound tranquility in the Second Assembly District if that district may ever be described as tranquil. There was no motive in 1915 for the murder. There

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BRITISH LOSE ONE WARSHIP, THE GERMANS TWO, IN RAID ON BIG TRANSPORT LINERS

Ten of the Kaiser's Destroyers Take Part in Battle—British Destroyer Flirt and Fifty-three Men Are Missing—Nubian Disabled.

LINER ROWANMORE SUNK; 31 LOST FROM CABOTIA

LONDON, Oct. 27.—Ten German torpedo boat destroyers attempted to raid the British cross-channel transport service last night, but the attempt failed, says an official statement issued by the British Admiralty today. Two of the German destroyers were sunk and the others were driven off.

The German destroyers succeeded in sinking one empty transport—the Queen. All the members of her crew were saved.

One British torpedo boat destroyer, the Flirt, is missing, the British statement adds, and another destroyer, the Nubian, was disabled by a torpedo and run aground. Nine members of the crew of the Flirt were saved.

The text of the British Admiralty announcement follows:

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"One empty transport, the Queen, was sunk. The whole of her crew were saved.

"Two of the enemy destroyers were sunk and the rest were driven off.

"H. M. torpedo boat destroyer Flirt, Lieut. Richard P. Kellett, R. N., is missing, and it is feared she may be lost, but nine of the crew have been saved.

"H. M. torpedo boat destroyer Nubian, commander Montague Bernard, R. N., was disabled by a torpedo and taken in tow. Owing to the bad weather the tow parted and she has grounded."

The destroyer Flirt was one of the older British destroyers. She was built in 1907, had a displacement of 380 tons and a complement of sixty-two men. The Nubian was built in 1909, displaced 985 tons and carried, normally seventy-one officers and men.

The Admiralty announces the sinking of the Johnson liner Rowanmore. The steamer's captain was taken prisoner. This indicates that the liner was sunk by a submarine. The crew was landed.

The Rowanmore was built for Gulf and South Atlantic cotton carrying trade. She was of 10,320 tons and had a capacity for 24,000 bales of cotton.

According to a wireless despatch from Zurich to-day a German official note announces that in conformity with Article 199 of the German Naval Code, the German naval authorities have decided to regard as prisoners all captains of merchant vessels captured from the British, French, Russians and Italians, alleging that these captains receive instructions from their respective Governments to carry on espionage.

The sinking of the steamer Skogdis is also announced by Lloyd's. Two boats, containing the captain and thirty-one of the crew of the Rowanmore liner Cabotia, are missing and unaccounted for. This is the first indication of the sinking of the Cabotia.

BALTIMORE, Md., Oct. 27.—The Rowanmore sailed from this port Oct. 14, laden with a large general cargo.

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